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A Worldless Song.

His fingers drew from the yellow old
keys
A low wierd, minor tone,
That crept from the heart of the in-
strument,
And tottered out alone
Into the arms of the verie, black night,
And sobbed there on her breast,
Like a lost child brought from its wan-
derings,
Safe to the warm home nest.
And it seemed to me, as the tremb-
ling note
Grew faint and far away,
Even so from the world-worn keys of
life
Will God's dear hand some day
Draw forth, in sweet pity one tone di-
vine,
And write it in a song
That the angels sing when the gates
are swung
Wide to the waiting throng.
And there seemed to throb, with the
organ's voice,
A promise truly blest,
That telleth of light at the eventide,
And God's appointed rest.
—Sel.

A Visit to Ionia and Berry Coun- ties, Michigan.

Having been solicited by the Brethren of Campbell, Mich., to attend their feast on the 16th of June, I left home the 15th, and arrived at that place of meeting about 3 o'clock p. m. I found that the brethren had made arrangements to hold their communion services in a large barn owned by Bro. Noah Henney. The readers of the EVANGELIST will remember that this is the place Bro. Kilhetner held a protracted meeting and organized a church last winter. Soon after my arrival the brethren and sisters commenced assembling for the purpose of administering baptism to two applicants. After a short service in the barn we repaired to the water about one mile distant where Bro. Winey buried them in baptism, let us hope to rise and walk in newness of life. This makes their membership thirty-nine; thirty by baptism and nine by relation. In the evening we met again in the barn after confirmation services. I preached to a good sized audience. Met again on Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m., preached again after which there was a choice held for two deacons. The result was one received quite a majority of all the votes cast and two others were tie and another only lacked one vote of having as many votes as the two who were a tie. So we presented the matter to the church and they decided we should just install the one who had a majority which was done. The lot fell on Bro. Geo. Clum; hope he may prove faithful to his trust. In the evening we again assembled for the purpose of commemorating the suffering and death of our Saviour in connection with the other ordinances. As this was the first meeting of this kind ever held by the Brethren in this part of the country it drew a large crowd of people. All the different elements of the church were represented, Old Order, Conservative and Progressive. It was estimated that there were fully four hundred people in the barn and some said as many outside. We had a very enjoyable meeting. Preaching

again on Sunday and Sunday evening, which closed our meetings. As this was near my old home and the place I tried to preach my first sermon, I met many former friends and acquaintances with whom it was a pleasure to meet. While a majority of the members of the Brethren church here were strangers to me when I came among them, they did not remain strangers very long. They were not only brethren and sisters in name, but brethren and sisters indeed and in truth. A warmer-hearted set of brethren and sisters it has never been my lot to meet with, and long will that meeting be remembered. Many were the "God bless yous" and "come again" on giving the parting hand. Brethren, how easy it is for a minister to see when members are full of God's love in the warm greeting he receives. The other picture we will not say anything about. If the brethren are faithful here they have a bright prospect before them. I think many more are near the kingdom. Bro. Winey seems to be the right man in the right place. On Monday morning Bro. Winey conveyed me to Barry county, where my father and three sisters reside. I visited them until Friday morning when I started for home. Let me say to the brethren of Michigan that here is a field ready for the reapers. Think about it, brethren, until our approaching convention, and let us see whether we cannot send out an evangelist part of the time if not all the time. I arrived home June 22nd. Found all well as usual, for which we thank our Heavenly Father for his watchful care and protection.

I. N. MILLER.
Buchanan, Mich.

From Bear Creek, Ohio.

The communion meeting at Bear Creek, on Saturday, the 23rd of June, was largely attended, and every seat on the sister's side of the house was filled, and several of them had to occupy seats on the other side where there was a little room to spare. One brother united with us in the evening before the services commenced, and another a few days before, both by relation. The one, Bro. Joseph Beeghly, we are sorry to say, could not attend the communion on account of sickness. We were sorry for this; hope he will soon be well again. Brother and sister Miller and brother and sister March, from Logan County, were with us, and seemed to enjoy the meeting quite well. Also sister M. M. Sterling, the S. S. C. E. sister, from Masontown, Pa., besides a number from West Alexandria, Dayton, and other points were with us. And all, so far as we could judge, felt that it was good to be there. We had regularly furnished tables with all necessary dishes, knives, forks, and plenty of provision to make a

supper. In fact there was very little clatter of dishes or noise of any kind. The most sensitive person had no cause to feel annoyed. Neither did we see any disposition on the part of any one to eat to excess. The fact is, we at Bear Creek possess the skill to use table utensils with dexterity of performance, as well as good sense and temperate habits, so that our people do not need to be harangued and cautioned against the evils of gluttony. And as a defense of the temperate habits of our people everywhere, I am constrained to say that it is my candid conviction that any such danger exists, only in the imagination of the alarmist, who is never satisfied with the accepted usage of the church, as founded upon the gospel, and seeks to gain notoriety by introducing new features into our practices.

On Sunday following the love feast, at 2 p. m., we had children's meeting, which was quite a treat to both old and young. The house was tastily and artistically decorated in just such a manner as a committee of Bear Creek sisters, headed by Clara Musselman and Lizzie Hill, are capable of doing things. They had not only wreaths of evergreen and flowers in great variety and profusion, but a large glass globe with its finny occupants performing their antics, and showing their beauty, and no less than half a dozen bird cages, whose little denizens mixed their notes of praise and expression of joy with the children's voices in one common anthem of praise to the common Creator.

The performances and recitations rendered by the little folks were just splendid. Bro. Brumbaugh, of Dayton, was with us, and rendered very valuable help to make the occasion one of much interest. Sister Sterling also favored us with a very nice and instructive lesson for the children. In the evening we had a full house to preach to, and it seemed to me, that the pleasant meetings we enjoyed gave us all a peculiar fitness for a profitable meeting.

This closed the labor for this visit. Our next will be in four weeks, as we deem it best to omit the next regular visit to Bear Creek. The township S. S. Convention will be there and my presence will not be especially needed.

P. J. BROWN.
Congress, Ohio.

Roanoke, Virginia.

DEAR EVANGELIST: "Praise the Lord," "the child is born," and it's name is the Roanoke Progressive. What I mean by this is, that we have another church in Virginia, a good large one too, and in good condition, with a large building lot. When the Niningers undertake to do any thing they generally do it with their might.

Last week our good sister Mary, wife of brother Edward Nininger, conceived the idea of buying a church instead of spend-

ing the usual amount of time in building one. The result is, that the Methodist Episcopal church, south of Roanoke, have sold the church in which they now worship and intend to move into their new church in a short time. As soon as they move out, we Progressives intend to move in. We feel good over the matter, and if you feel like helping us to sing the doxology just go ahead and I'll furnish the amen.

I arrived here one week ago last Saturday, and preached twice the following day. I preached in the morning at Tink's Creek school house, and in the evening at Bethany Progressive church. On each occasion I was pleasantly associated with Elder Christian Nininger and had good congregations.

Last Lord's day I preached in the morning at Bethany church, in the evening at Cloverdale and at Tink's Creek at night. Large congregations at all three services and very spiritual meetings. At night one young man decided to be on the Lord's side, and I was told of a G. B. sister, who is also ready to make her home with us.

The members of the different denominations came to worship with us at all of these services, and the best of feeling prevailed.

I find it very pleasant to be associated with Elder Christian Nininger, and sit at his feet and learn wisdom, as he has been in the paths of Tunkerism a long time and is a very spiritual and intelligent man. I also find it very agreeable to make my home with Bro. Edward Nininger and his excellent wife. I have only been here a short time but begin to feel quite at home. Virginians know just exactly how to make a fellow feel at home. They take good care of preachers here. For the first day or two after my arrival I felt like singing "Home Sweet Home," &c., for I love old Philadelphia; but if I should stay here very long, and then go back I am not sure but I would sing "Carry me back to old Virginia," &c.

We are in the midst of our wheat harvest, but you need not be surprised if you hear of a revival hear soon, as there are good indications. "Coming events cast their shadows before them."

The last mail from South Bend, Ind., brings me the cheerful news that our worthy brother, D. C. Ulery, has negotiated for a parsonage near the Progressive church, at South Bend, Ind. May he live many years to build churches and parsonages. God bless him.

I think I know where there is going to be another Progressive church built this fall, but I will not tell just now.

To my great delight, Elder I. D. Bowman, of College of St. James, Md., and our worthy Bro. T. J. Fahrney, of Downsville, Md., made me a visit one day last week. All the fault I have to find with their visit was, that it was so short, as they were obliged to go home the next day.

We were talking about buying the church in Roanoke when

they were here, and they seemed to be very much interested in the matter. That's always the way with the Progressives: they all pull together. It's all in the family you know.

I have just heard of several places more where they want me to preach and lecture for them. As I am not an omnipresent being I shall be obliged to say nay to some of them. Nevertheless I am glad to know that Progressive preaching is in such demand.

ELD. JERROLD.

Philadelphia, Pa.

College of St. James, Md.

I took a trip to Roanoke, Va. last week. Was well pleased with the outlook for the Brethren there. Since I came home I learned the Brethren bought a nice church in the city of Roanoke. Now we have a house to worship in, in one of the most thriving towns in old Va. I am glad to see the brethren building up in town, that's progressive. I believe the brethren can do a grand work in Roanoke if they all go to work and keep a preacher there all the time. I believe there is a bright future for the Roanoke congregation. God bless the brethren in Roanoke.

We had one more valuable addition since my last report. While others are out in the harvest field gathering in their grain, we are gathering a few souls into the kingdom.

Bro. Swihart's article about the name of the Brethren has the right ring. "The Brethren" is the name for me, and it is useless to talk about changing it. Unless much better reasons will be produced than has been I shall strenuously oppose a change. The name has been settled and it is a good name and we expect to keep it.

It makes my heart leap for joy to hear that Bro. Bashor is going to take the field. I believe the Lord will abundantly bless his labors.

Some few of our sisters are opposed to the Woman's Christian Endeavor. They say Paul condemns it. They think Paul told them to keep silent in the churches, and they believe it is wrong for a woman to teach.

Will J. W. Beer, S. H. Bashor, A. L. Garber, E. L. Yoder, or any other brother or sister tell us what Paul meant by telling the woman to keep silent and not teach? I want a clear explanation, not so much for my own good, as for those that think it wrong for woman to teach. For Paul to tell the woman not to teach and then take a woman with him and let her teach looks like a contradiction. I want it understood that I am not opposed to the sister's society. I am satisfied in my own mind that it is one of the best things that has been gotten up by us. Brethren don't pass this by lightly. I want this explained for the benefit of the sisters. It is clear to my mind, but I am doubtful if I could make it as clear to others as some of you brethren that are better posted on the subject than I am. How many will write an article on woman's rights in church work? Let us hear from you.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.